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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 26 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1997/742)

Briefing by Mr. James Baker III, Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara

Republic of the Congo

Briefing by Ambassador Mohamed Sahnoun, Special Envoy of the United Nations and the Organization of the African Unity

Other matters

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1362nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (Room S-3670).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 13th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Alfred Sant, Prime Minister of Malta

Malaysia

Poland

Address by His Ex. ellency Mr. Fatos Nano, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania

Spain

Iceland

3 p.m. 14th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Monaco

Greece

Comoros

Myanmar

Turkey

Namibia

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Uganda

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II (Sections 1 and 29)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 26 September 1997

GROUP OF 77
(Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Forum

The Women's International Forum will meet *today*, 26 September 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The subject will be "Principality of Liechtenstein: A Small Nation in the International Community". The speaker will be H.E. Dr. Andrea Willi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein. Participants should be seated by 10.45 a.m.

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will take place *today*, 26 September 1997, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

RIO GROUP WITH THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. Conference Room E.

RIO GROUP WITH INDIA

3.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 29 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. **15th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Republic of Korea

Singapore

Egypt

New Zealand

Sudan

Israel

Republic of Moldova

3 p.m. **16th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency General Hugo Banzer Suárez, Constitutional President of the Republic of Bolivia.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Panama

Philippines

Thailand

Lebanon

Kuwait

Burkina Faso

Nepal

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 30 September 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its organization of work (A/C.4/52/L.1).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will start on Monday, 6 October (see A/C.4/52/L.1), are kindly requested to notify the secretariat (room S-3380, tel.: 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for the general debate of the Second Committee, which will begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its third meeting on Tuesday, 30 September 1997, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 3, to consider agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations), in particular the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi and the proposals on management of peacekeeping assets.

The status of documentation and the programme of work will be issued in documents A/C.5/52/L.1 and A/C.5/52/L.2 respectively.

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe their names in the list of speakers are kindly invited to do so with the Secretary of the Committee (tel.: 963-0542).

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935 (from Thursday, 25 September, in Rome, tel.: 5705-0346, fax: 5705-0305)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women, originally scheduled for Monday, 29 September 1997, has been postponed to Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 10 a.m. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session of the Commission. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and it will be available at the offices of the Division (DC2-1216).

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The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Commission on the Status of Women)* on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a closed Ministerial Meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 6.

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Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3819th meeting

The situation in Africa

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity made a statement.

Statements were made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile, the Vice-Premier and Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, the Minister for External Relations and Worship of Costa Rica, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Egypt and France, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Guinea-Bissau, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Kenya, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and Sweden and the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the Secretary of State of the United States of America.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/46).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

11th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mrs. Zdenka Kramplová, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia.

H.E. The Rt. Hon. Percival James Patterson, Prime Minister of Jamaica, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Eduardo Ferrero Costa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru, H.E. Dr. Mate Granić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, H.E. Mr. Adrian Severin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, and H.E. Mr. Rashid Abdullah Al-Noaimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates.

12th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Fabián Alarcón Rivera, President of the Republic of Ecuador

H.E. Mr. Fabián Alarcón Rivera, President of the Republic of Ecuador, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Ernesto Samper Pizano, President of the Republic of Colombia

H.E. Mr. Ernesto Samper Pizano, President of the Republic of Colombia, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel, Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria.

H.E. Mr. Abdellatif Filali, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Clement Rohee, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana, H.E. The Hon. Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, H.E. Mr. Ray Burke, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland, and H.E. Mr. Erik Derycke, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Spain, Nigeria and the United Arab Emirates.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 1997

404th and 405th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Australia (CRC/C/8/Add.31).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at those meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Lao People's Democratic Republic (22 September 1997)*

Acceptance: Greece (23 September 1997)*

Convention on Psychotropic Substances, concluded at Vienna on 21 February 1971

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (22 September 1997)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: Sierra Leone (25 September 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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